

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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RESERVE BEDS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Safdarjung Hospital has reserve beds in each wards for senior citizens as reported in "the Times of India" dated January 2, 2008;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the manner in which other patients of such wards will be accommodated by Hospital authorities; and
- (d) the details of other new facilities likely to be provided by Safdarjung hospital for the patients during 2008?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

- (a) to (c) Yes Sir, four beds have been earmarked for the senior citizens in each ward in the Department of Medicine, Surgery, Gynaecology, Orthopaedics, Burns & Plastic. The patients other than senior citizens are managed in the remaining beds. However, in case of availability of beds reserved for Senior Citizens are vacant the same are provided to other patients.
- (d) Hospital will provide facilities of angiography/ angioplasty/ cardiac-surgery/haemodialysis to the Below Poverty Line patients, start an emergency medicine counter as per the hospital formulary in the Casualty Wing of the hospital, start a Geriatric Ward in the Department of Medicine and a second CT machine for the use of emergency patients.